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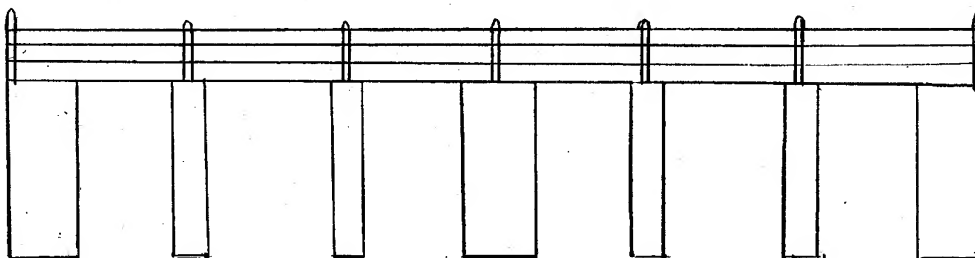
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The town of Magadan (59-34N, 150-48E) is the base for the exile camps and gold mines in the Kolyma area. The larger part of the town has been constructed since 1932.

1. Hamlet composed of brick bungalows, accommodation for free workmen. The majority of these were liberated exiles who had not received permission to return to their homes. The others were workers employed on a contract.
2. Road bridge over a small river, name not known. The bridge, which was constructed of reinforced concrete, was based on two concrete abutments and one main concrete center pier. In between the center pier and the abutments were two smaller concrete piers. The protective sides were composed of concrete posts connected by railings. The surface of the carriage way was asphalt. Dimensions were: length 60-80M, width 8-10M, and height 12-15M. The following is a rough sketch of the bridge:



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3. Post, telephone, and telegraph office.
4. Hamlet composed of small brick buildings; living accommodations for technicians and workmen engaged on a contract.
5. Transit camp for liberated exiles awaiting transport to return to their homes.
6. Hamlet composed of wooden sheds housing laborers and servants employed by the town services. All were former exiles.
7. Three-story brick building used as a school and a gymnasium.
8. & Two-story and one-story houses.
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10. Town baths, used exclusively by the inhabitants of hamlets Nos. 1 and 6 above and 55 below.
11. Central stores of food and materials destined for the camps in the Kolyma area. They were wooden or sheet iron sheds with sheet iron roofs. They were painted green and were enclosed by a barbed-wire fence. The head of the supply service was a certain Major General Titov (fnu).<sup>1</sup>
12. Three-story and four-story buildings believed to have been completed during  
(13. & 1946 and destined as housing accommodation for unspecified personalities.  
(14.
15. Town theater.
16. Two-story wooden construction. This was the only hotel in the town. It was exclusively for personnel from the camps traveling on duty to Magadan.
17. Large four or five-story building under construction since the end of 1945.  
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18. Car depot. This depot controlled all movement to and from the camps. It also owned two busses which were used on regular trips between Magadan and Berelyakh (62-47N, 148-07E). The personnel were freed exiles and workmen engaged on a contract.
19. Three single-story brick buildings housing the supply offices of the camps' administration.
20. Three-story and four-story brick buildings divided into flats used by MVD  
(21. & personnel and their families. 50X1-HUM  
27.
22. Residence of the area G.O.C. and commander of all camps in the Kolyma area, General Ivan Feodorovich Nikishov. [redacted]  
[redacted]
23. & Two double-story buildings. The ground floors were used as fish shops,  
24. the top floors as living quarters.
25. Three-story stone building. The ground floor was used as a food shop, the other floors as living quarters.

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26. Four small two-story constructions built partly of wood, and partly of bricks. These accommodated the offices of the reconstruction service.
28. Town Court.
29. Two-story building named Dom Pionerov, used by a youth organization. The building was partly constructed of bricks and wood.
30. Public gardens. In the gardens were open-air movie theaters, sports fields, gymnastic grounds, and dance floors.
31. Four-story building accommodating the MVD.
32. Suburb inhabited by liberated exiles who had not received permission to return to their homes.
33. Camp named Prom Kombinat. Here exiles made shoes and clothing for the camps in the area.
34. Central offices of the camps in the Kolyma area named Upravleniye Lagerakh Dalstroy. This was a two-story brick building with a red painted sheet iron roof.
35. Five or six-story brick building accommodating the general administration offices of the Upravleniye Lagerakh Dalstroy. The office of General Nikishov was on the first floor.
36. Town square.
37. Passport office named Passporyy Otdel. This was a wooden bungalow.
38. The polyclinic (poliklinika), a two-story construction.
39. Wooden bungalow used as a bank, but also all financial accounts of the Dalstroy services were kept here.
40. Two-story wooden building. This was a restaurant for the town administrative staff.
41. Two-story brick building covered with a green sheet iron roof, accommodating the Dalstroy supply and labor offices.
42. Single-story wooden building accommodating the MVD regional office (ray otdel MVD).
43. Cultivated area.
44. Shop which sold wooden articles.
45. Food shop.
46. Fishermen's houses.
47. Caviar and sausage factory.
48. Small road bridge.
49. Landing ground. 

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50. Stores of the port of Nagayevo.. 50X1-HUM
51. Three of four buildings occupied by the Soviet navy. No details were known except that a W/T and a meteorological station had been established on a nearby hill. [redacted] only few sailors were noticed in the town.
52. & Anchorages for ships. There were no port installations. Exiles embarked at
53. location 52.
54. Fishing harbor.
55. Wooden bridge (no details).
56. Shore line.
57. Town barber shop.
58. Beer parlor.
59. Small river, name not known.
60. Gravel road leading to Nagayevo..
61. Workers' suburb for liberated exiles and workers engaged on a contract. 50X1-HUM
62. Small river, name not known.



2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Nikishov was  
purged in 1949.

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